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**New Lighting on California Street Bridge to Improve Pedestrian Safety and Enhance Entry to Historic Downtown Ventura: Motorists are Advised to Expect Delays During Installation**

New pedestrian safety light poles designed by artist Michael Davis will be installed on the west side of the California Street Bridge over Highway 101 the week of May 20, 2019, to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. The improvement project moves into the much-anticipated final stage of construction with the contractor scheduled to complete the installation of eight new pedestrian safety lights in one-week depending on weather conditions.

Work will be performed Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bridge access may be restricted during construction work and detours will help guide pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorist safely around the project area. The bridge will be fully accessible at the end of each workday.

“The new lights improve safety and welcome residents and visitors alike to Downtown Ventura,” said Mayor Matt LaVere. “Furthermore, connecting our beautiful beach promenade with our historic Downtown will provide enhanced benefits to the many small businesses in the area that are so important to our local economy.”

The California Street Bridge Pedestrian Enhancement Project includes demolition and replacement of the low-height pedestrian railing along the bridge with a six-foot high 250-foot long decorative railing, electrical installation, preparation and installation of eight new decorative pedestrian lighting fixtures, and resurfacing the sidewalk area to create a safer environment for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists crossing the bridge.

The overhead pedestrian lighting fabrication was approved by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The majority of the project is being funded using a federal transportation grant with matching funds paid from Gas Taxes and the City's CIP fund.



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